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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO LABOR MINISTER RUBENS SAN SEBASTIAN, THE GOA' S DECISION TO NOMINATE HECTOR VILLAVEIRAN FOR GB CHAIRMANSHIP WAS MADE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF KEY PERONIST LEADERS. SECOND MEETING WITH PERONIST LEADER JUAN TACCONE INDICATES THERE IS SOME SUPPORT IN PERONIST HIERARCHY FOR VILLAVEIRAN CANDIDACY BUT THAT FINAL DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL NEXT WEEK. EMBASSY INCLINED TO BELIEVE GOA MUST HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT ASSURANCES FROM NEW GOVERNMENT SOURCES BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH VILLAVEIRAN NOMINATION BUT SUGGESTS USG DELAY DECISION TO SUPPORT HIS CANDIDACY UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIED THROUGH EMBOFF CONTACTS WITH OTHER PERONIST SOURCES AND NEW MEETING WITH TACCONE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24 FOLLOWING EASTER HOLIDAYS.

2. ON APRIL 16 SAN SEBASTIAN TOLD LABATT THAT GOA CONSULTED WITH KEY PERONIST LEADERS INCLUDING MARIO CAMPORA, NEPHEW AND AIDE TO PRESIDENT- ELECT HECTOR CAMPORA BEFORE ADVANCING VILLAVEIRAN CANDIDACY FOR GB CHAIRMANSHIP. HE SAID GOA IS ALREADY CONTACTING
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OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND VILLAVEIRAN IS MAKING PERSONAL APPROACH TO HIS ILO COLLEAGUES IN SUPPORT OF HIS CANDIDACY, SAN SEBASTIAN SAID GOA POSITION ON BG CHAIRMANSHIP IS BASED ON FIRM BELIEF THAT ARGENTINA IS ENTITLED TO TURN AT

THIS TIME. HE SAID SEEDS FOR NAMING VILLAVEIRAN TO BG WERE PLANTED IN MEETING LAST NOVEMBER WITH PRESIDENT LANUSSE AND ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL JENKS, AT WHICH LATTER STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PRESENTING CAREER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. SAN SEBASTIAN ATTRIBUTED PERONIST SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL TO THEIR DESIRE FOR HAVING ARGENTINE GB CHAIRMAN, THEIR RESPECT OF LONG STANDING FOR

VILLAVEIRAN AND THE IMPRACTICALITY OF NEW GOVERNMENT HAVING TO DESIGNATE SUITABLE REPLACEMENT WHEN ONLY ASSUMING POWER ON MAY 25.

3. SAN SEBASTIAL ALSO MENTIONED REPORTS HE HAS RECEVIED FROM THE CGT THAT THE AFL- CIO THROUGH OAS SOURCES HAS INQUIRED ABOUT

POSITION PERONISTS WILL ADOPT IF VILLAVEIRAN IS NOMINATED. (LABATT IS UNAWARE OF ANY AFL- CIO INQUIRIES.) SAN SEBASTIAN SAID U. S. SUPPORT FOR VILLAVEIRAN CANDIDACY WOULD BE APPR- CIATED.

4. TACCONE HAS PROMISED ANSWER BY APRIL 20. MEANWHILE EMBASSY WILL CONTACT OTHER HIGH PERONIST LEADERS IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY PER-

ONIST POSITION AND SUGGESTS DELAY UNTIL SITUATION IS MORE CLEARLY DEFINED.
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